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AMEMBASSY SANA'A PRIORITY

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4. AT MAY 27 MEETING, AB STOLTZFUS DID RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH ZAYID. GETTING DIRECTLY TO POINT, AMB INFORMED ZAYID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FULL AGREEMENT ON ARMS PURCHASES REACHED BETWEEN HIS HIGHNESS AND YEMENI PRIMIN AND THAT MONEY WOULD BE PAID DIRECTLY TO USG. AMB SAID THIS GOOD NEWS AND DIRECT PAYMENT SEEMED TO BE PREFERABLE ARRANGEMENT, BUT HE ALSO EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF ABU DHABI REMITTING FUNDS AT ONCE. TO EXPEDITE MATTERS, AMB RECOMMENDED THAT CHECK BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH EMB ABU DHABI. ON OTHER HAND, ZAYID INFORMED THERE NO OBJECTION ON OUR PART TO ABU DHABI GOVT TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO USG IN LONDON OR DIRECTLY TO US TREASURY. VENUE OF PAYMENT DID NOT MATTER AS LONG AS PAYMENT MADE PROMPTLY. AFTER CONSULTING WITH CROWN PRINCE AND MIN FINANCE SHAIKH KHALIFA, ZAYID ADMITTED THAT PAYMENT PROCEDURE HAD BEEN DELAYED DUE TO ABSENCE OF KEY OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY FM SUWAIDI. AFTER RECEIVING ZAYID'S ASSURANCE THAT PAYMENT

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WOULD BE FORTHCOMING VERY SOON (ASSUME THROUGH THIS EMB),

AMB STATED THAT CHARGE WOULD FOLLOW UP IN NEXT FEW DAYS WITH
SHAIKH KHALIFA.

5. A. WAS ABLE TO LEARN VERY LITTLE ADDITIONAL ABOUT RESULTS OF MAKKI TRIP EXCEPT THAT AMB QUBATI TERMED IT A SUCCESS OVERALL. SINCE QUBATI NOT ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN KEY SUBSTANTIVE TALKS, HIS COMMENTS, OF COURSE, ARE OF LIMITED VALUE. HE DID MENTION, HOWEVER, THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED FOR ADDITIONAL UAE/ABU DHABI ASSISTANCE IN FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, AND UAEG CONSIDERING EXPANSION OF HELP IN EDUCATION AND CULTURAL FIELDS AS WELL. IN RESPONSE MY QUESTION, QUBATI SAID HE UNAWARE OF ANY DISCUSSION CONCERNING POSSIBLE UAE/AD ASSISTANCE TO YEMENI AIRLINES. UNFORTUNATELY, REF C ARRIVED AFTER DEPARTURE OF DELEGATION FOR DUBAI, SO UNABLE TO ACT ON PARA 2. AT EMB'S SUGGESTION, MASWARI RAISED WITH CROWN PRINCE SHAIKH KHALIFA, PROPOSED DETAIL OF JORDANLSN OFFICERS TO YEMEN AT AD'S EXPENSE. WE FELT APPROACH TO KHALIFA USEFUL AS HE GOING TO JORDAN JUNE 1 ON OFFICIAL VISIT.

B. THUS, BEYOND REAFFIRMATION OF HIS LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO PAY FOR ARMS BEING PURCHASED FROM US, ZAYID APPEARS TO HAVE MADE NO NEW SUBSTANTIAL COMMITMENTS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR YARG DURING MAKKI'S VISIT.

C. WILL BE INTERESTED TO HEAR FROM SANA'A ASSESSMENT OF TRIP AS RELAYED TO EMB BY MAKKI OR ASN AJ.

6. INTEND TO CONTACT SHAIKH KHALIFA OR HIS DEPUTY MINISTER HABROUSH MAY 31 TO DETERMINE STATUS OF PAYMENT FOR LOS. IF TRANSACTION NOT FINALIZED BY THAT DATE, IT UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, ANY FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN PRIOR TO WEEK OF JUNE 8 WHEN KHALIFA AND HABROUSH RETURN FROM JORDAN. EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT CAN BE ASSURED WE WILL FOLLOW UP CLOSELY ON THIS SUBJECT.

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